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SUBJECT: SOLICITING PLEDGES TO FUND THE NUCLEAR THREAT  
INITIATIVE PROPOSAL FOR A NUCLEAR FUEL BANK - SPANISH REPLY

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11. (SBU) On July 1, Poloff conveyed reftel demarche to Ignacio Sanchez, MFA Deputy Director General for Nonproliferation, and asked the Spanish government to consider pledging funds to support the NTI's proposal for the creation of a nuclear fuel bank. Sanchez replied on July 4 that while Spain favors the creation of a nuclear fuel bank, they would prefer to work through the IAEA. He explained that if and when it comes to providing additional funds for the nuclear fuel bank, Spain would prefer to contribute to IAEA coffers vice directly to the NTI. Sanchez added that for Spain it is a question of "ownership" and who has the lead on the project.

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